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We support passage of this bill and join in the testimony of the Attorney General.

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March 27, 2012

Re: SB2221 SD 1 RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE

Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I support any and all measures that are intended to protect children and minors from perpetrators of sexual abuse. We, as a society, have a duty to create an environment that does not tolerate such traumatizing and damaging acts against our children. Laws focus on the consequences that the perpetrator or the offender must suffer after they have committed their crime(s). That is only a portion of the story in Child Sexual Abuse cases. It is also important to know and understand what their victims suffer with long after the act(s) of abuse have ceased.

I have witnessed on a first hand basis the effects of Child Sexual Abuse. I was formerly a counselor at a residential group home where a large majority of the clients experienced varying degrees of sexual abuse. Their psychological well-being was adversely affected, evidenced by the presence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and/or Major Depressive Disorder which was often times comorbid with other mental health disorders. Behaviorally, many of the clients were unable to productively cope with their recurring memories of the abuse and thus resulted to employing unhealthy coping mechanisms such as substance abuse and/or self-harm. There were several occasions where I was involved in de-escalation procedures for clients threatening to commit suicide.

Making possession of specific types of child pornography, as mentioned in SB2221 SD 1, a 2nd degree offense instead of a 3rd degree offense is a step in the right direction to help combat child pornography. It is my opinion that there should be zero tolerance on possessing child pornography. If a person possesses any form of child pornography in any number and meets any of the three conditions listed on the bill: 1) a minor who is younger than the age of 12, 2) sadomasochistic abuse of a minor, and 3) bestiality involving a minor, that is reason in itself to be classified as a 2nd degree offense. Defining an offense with a numerical value, in this case "30 or more images of any kind", in essence tolerates the possession of 29 or less images. This leaves the door of possibility open for perpetrators to circumvent this circumstance and limiting themselves to a number of images that if caught, can only be prosecutable at the 3rd degree offense level.

In spite of my opinion, I support the passage of this bill with hopes that my aforementioned argument be considered in the process.

Sincerely,

Jeannice Aguilar

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